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SANKŞEPA SANKARA JAYA OF MĀDHAVĀCĀRYA OR

ŚĀNKARA DIGVIJAYA OF ŚRI VIDYĀRAŅYAMUNI

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Introductory:

In two previous articles, I discussed three biographies of Sri Sankarācārya. The next work to be considered is Sankṣepa Sankara Jaya of Mādhavācārya or as it is more popularly called, Sānkara Digvijaya of Srī Vidyāraṇyamuni. Hence the alternative title given to the aricle. The first is the title as found throughout the work while the second is the popularly known one. If the first is practically unknown to anyone except the readers of the work, the second is altogether unknown to the work itself. The common man's knowledge of the life of Srī Sankarācārya is based on this work only and religious preachers like the kirtankaras rely on this work only for his life-history.

Title and the author:

The work is available in mss. as well as in print. It was first printed by the Anandāśram Press, Poena as far back as 1863 a.d. Though, as stated already, the work is generally called Sānkara Digvijaya and has been ascribed by popular tradition to the celebrated Vidyāranyamuni, the work itself does not mention either name anywhere. The name of the work as given in all the colophons is Sankṣepa Sankara Jaya and it has been uniformly attributed to Mādhava. An old tradition says that Mādhava was the brother of Sāyaṇa, the famous commentator of the Vedas and that he became known as Vidyāraṇya after he became a Sannāysin. There has been a great controversy regarding the identity of these

^{1.} Vide the Journal of the University of Bombay, Vol. XXIX, Pt. 2., Sept. 1960, pp 113. to 121 and Vol. XXX, Pt. 2, Sept. 1961, pp. 73 to 80.

figures but one asthana pundit of Srugeri Sarada Mutt—Sri Kṛṣṇa Jois Sastrin—told me that according to his knowledge and belief, there were three Mādhavas, none of whom ever became a Sannyasin and then he cited the authority of Guruvamsa Kāvya, a poem in 19 cantos, composed by Kāsī Laxman Sūrin, a Srugeri mutt pundit, at the instance of Srī Saccidānanda Bhārati Svāmi, the then ruling Svāmiji of the said mutt, on the strength of information, supplied by the latter to the former. Scholars have debated this issue of identity in a number of articles² and yet there has been no definite conclusion. Till such time, therefore, as such a conclusion is reached, I would prefer to keep the two distinct. I am going to show later that the work under consideration cannot be said to have come form the pen of Srī Vidyāranyamuni.

Extent and Nature:

All the available copies of the work I have inspected so far contain 16 chapters of unmixed poetry, with a total number of about 1848 stanzas. One Sastrin (Sri Mahādeva Sastrin) from Kumbakonam showed me some additional stanzas as from the same S. S. Jaya but not found in the printed edition thereof. Now, the Govt. Oriental Mss. Library, Madras contains one solitary mss. of this work (their ref. no D. 12174) and on comparing the first chapter of the same, of which I have procured from them a copy, with the one in the printed book, I found that it did contain one additional stanza just in the same place as noted by the said Sastrin i.e. between stanzas 4 and 5 of the printed edition. From this, it may be inferred at least tentatively that the said ms. is very likely to contain the other additional stanzas also.

The work purports to be an epitome of an earlier work called Prācīna Śańkara Jaya. I have discussed the question of the identity of this earlier work in my first article in this series. I am.

- 2. Vide Indian Historical Quarterly, Vols. VI, VII and VIII.
- 3. It may be noted that in addition to this one stanza, the chapter contains two more stanzas between stt. 1 and 2. The first of these two has been quoted by the late Sri T. Candrasekharan in his introduction to Vya.'s S. V. The two stanzas are:—

 - (२) यन्त्रादुदल्पधिषणासृणिना ग्रहीतुम् । शक्यं तदत्र सरसं सकलं गृहीत्वा । कांश्चित्महेश्वरगृष्टः स्मृतिभिन्नमोहः । संक्षेपशक्षकरजयस्रजमातनोमि ।।
 - 4. Vide Foont note 1 above, Vol. XXIX.

therefore, unable to accept the contention of the Kāncī Mutt that the S.V. of Anantānandagiri was the basis of this S. S. Jaya. In fact, it is more likely that both these works are indebted to that earlier Pr. S.V. In the absence of this Pr.S.V., it is not possible to say how far Mād. laid it under obligation and how faithfully.

Date:

It seems possible to settle somewhat correctly the period of composition of this work. The clues are as follows:—

- (1) There are two commentaries on this work, viz., Dindima of Dhanapatisūrin and Advaita-rājya-Laxmi of Acyutarāya Modak. At the end of these commentaries, both the writers have given the years of their completion. Thus, Dindima says that it was completed in the year 1798 A.D. and A R.L. says that it was completed in 1824 A.D. This gives us 1798 A.D. as the terminus ad quem of the work.
- (2) It will be shown later that S. S. Jaya has borrowed from Sankarābhyudaya of Rāja. D., who is said to have flourished towards the middle of the 17th Cent. A.D.⁵ If this is correct, the work must have been written after 1650 A.D. which is the terminus et quo.

The work, therefore, seems to have been composed sometime between 1650 A.D. and 1800 A.D.

Authenticity of the work:

Regarding this work, there has been a very great controversy, which can be stated as follows:—

- Sei T. S. Nārāyana Śāstrī said in 1916 A.D.6 and Mr Bodas agreed with him in 1923 A.D.7 that the work of Mādhava, as available in print, was not the original one and that it was printed somewhat hastily by the Ānandāśrama Press, Poona, with many additions and prepared specially by some adherent of the Srngeri
- 5. See श्रीशंकरानार्य-जीवनचरित तथा उपदेश-by Professor B. Upadhyaya, p. 11.
 - 6. Vide 'Age of Sunkara'-Part I.
 - 7. Vide शंकरानार्य व त्यांचा सम्प्रदाय-p. 9.

Sāradā Mutt to counteract the claim of the Kānci Mutt. Sri K. Kuppuswamy Aiyya quotes in श्रीसाङ्गरपीठतरवदर्शनम्, a Kānci Mutt publication, the following extract from a Telugu article by one Sri Vemuri Prabhakar Sāstrī of the Government O. Mss. Library, Madras:

"I happened to meet at Baptla, Brahmarşî Vemurî Narasimha Sāstri during my recent tour in the Guntur District last year, in quest of manuscripts. I mentioned casually to him my reasons for doubting the authorship of Mādhavīya Sankara Vijaya. Then he gave out the following secret. When he was at Madras about 15 years ago, he had the acquaintance of the late Śrī Bhaṭṭaśrī, who wrote the Ś. V. published in the name of Vidyāranya and that four others helped him in this production. They, who were attached to Śrngerī Mutt, had to do so to support the superiority of the Śrngerī Mutt over the Kāncī Mutt, which was also claiming to be the chief one, presided over by Śrī Śankara. The importance of the Śrngerī Mutt is very much in evidence in this Śankara Vijaya. It is not so found in Vyāsācala Grantha....."

The extract seems to voice the same charge against Mādhava's S. S. Jaya. Sri Aiyya, however, does not seem to be convinced and remarks:—

"It is clear from the above that Bhaṭṭaśri Nārāyaṇa Śāstrī should have been either the real author of the work or was falsely giving out that he was the author."

I was told at Kānei that a dispute arose in 1844 A.D. between the Kānei and the Sṛṇgeri Mutts regarding the right to perform the Tāṭanka Pratiṣṭhā to the Goddess Akhilānḍeśvarī at Jambūkeśvaram. When asked by the Court to furnish evidence for their respective rights, the Kānei Mutt produced Śiva-rahasya and Mārkanḍeya Samhitā. The Ṣṛṇgeri Mutt had no such work and hence produced what now passes as Vidyāranya's Sānkara Digvijaya.

If now the Telugu article, written in 1922 A.D., is to be believed, the work must have been composed prior to 1905 A.D., when the meeting of Bhaṭṭaśrī and Brahmarşi Vemuri N. Sāstrī

8. Vide pp. 11 and 12-English portion.

must have taken place. According to the second story, the work must have come into being shortly after 1844 A.D., Even if we reconcile somehow these two calculations, the total reckoning will be found to conflict with the date 1798 A.D. before which the work in the present form must have come into existence. I have shown already that there is sufficiently strong evidence for such an inference.

Moreover, I have seen personally very old mss.—some even on palm-leaf—of this same work with the same extent, in libraries all over India. There are some small portions also of this work, preserved in some places, like Laghu-Sankara-Digvijaya, Mandana Pandita Vijaya &c., and the text therein was found to conform to the corresponding printed text. It is not reasonable to suppose that mss. of a work of so recent an origin as about 1845 A.D. should be found spread on such a scale throughout India, particularly when printing facility had become available, more or less. We have therefore, to set aside the charge against S. S. Jaya of Mādhava as unproved and even disproved by evidence to the contrary.

This, however, should not be construed to mean that I accept Vidyāranya's authorship or the historical authenticity of the work. I have come to the conclusion that the work is no independent composition of one single author but is merely a collection of stanzas from four or even more earlier works, put together to form this work. It is for this reason again that I feel that it is unworthy of a genius like Vidyāranya. My findings are:—

Out of a total of about 1843 stanzas, comprising the 16 chapters of this work, about 1100 stanzas are found to be common to 4 other works as follows:—

(1)	Vyā.'s Š. V.	475	stanzas
(2)	Tiru. D.'s Śańkarābhyudaya	475	stanzas
(3)	Rāja. D.'s Sankarābhyudaya	125	stanzas
(4)	Rāma.'s Pat. Ch.	11	stanzas
	Total:	1084	stanzas

^{9.} Noticed in the Gackwad Oriental Series, No exiv, p. 1042.

^{10.} Noticed in the Indian Museum Mss. Collection in the Royal Asiatic Society Library, Calcutta.

In most of the cases, verbatim stanzas in succession are found common. In a few cases, only some lines are common while in still fewer cases, substance is the same but stanzas have been composed afresh. The following are a few instances of each:—

Verbatim:

Mādhava :	I: 29 to 32	2000 :	Tiru, D.	I:27 to 30
	I: 34 to 40	<u></u>	**	I: 31 to 37
	I: 55 to 97	******	**	I: 42 to 84
	II: 49 to 65		Vyä.	IV: 3 to 19
	III: 10: c, d. to 37: a, b	= 2	35	VI: 10 to 36
	III : 37 : e, d & 88 : a		,,	VI: 37 (3rd line dropped)
	III: 38: b, c, d, to 43: a	i.=i.≑	**	VI: 38 to 42
	III: 44 to 77		19	VI: 44 to 77
	V: 35 to 58	 .	Tiru. D.	II: 76 to 99
	V: 60 to 66	 ~	Vyā.	XI: 127 to 133
	V: 68 to 80	zrv	**	IV: 49 to 61
	V: 87 & 90		Pat. Ch.	VIII: 18 & 19
	V: 92 to 95	##==	**	VIII: 63 to 66
	V: 98 to 101	102.22	**	VIII: 67 to 70
	VI: 21 to 29	<u>-</u> -	Tiru D.	III: 61 to 69
	VI: 68 to 71	2223	Rāja D.	II: 16 to 19
	VII: 104 to 107	<u> </u>	71	II: 33 & 35 to 37
	VII: 67 to 70	<u> 2000 E</u>	**	II: 24 to 26 & 29
	XII: 1 to 37	ड्यार	**	IV: 1, 2, 6, 7, 14 to 93 and 50 to 62
	VII: 81 to 100		Vyā.	V: 12 to 31
	VII: 74 to 130	*****	Tiru D.	IV: 54 to 110
	IX: 1 to 21		,,	V: 1 to 21
	IX: 43 to 67		***	V : 31 to 55
	X: 30 to 42		**	VI: 46 to 57 & 59

Half Stanzas:

Mādhava: V: 67: a b = Vyā. IX: 184; a b V: 91: c d = Pat. Ch. VIII; 91: e d VI: 20: e d = Tiru. D. III: 59: c d VI: 60: a b == Rāja. D. I: 64: a, b VII: 46: a. b II: 11: a, b **

New stanzas for common substance:

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Mādhava: II: 86 to 72 = Rāja D. I: 21 to 27 (except st. 27) 11: 76 I: 29 II: 85/6/7 I: 81/2/8VI: 44 Tiru.D. III: 37 VI: 79 Vyā. V: 10Tiru. D. 101 IV: 26 VIII: 133 Raja. D. II: 50 XII: 83 Tiru. D. III: 95 XIII: 40 Vyā. VII: 46 XIV: 101 VIII: 71 XV: 3 & 29 =: Rāja. D. III: 39 & 42

These are only a few of the many instances to be found in Mādhava's work, when compared with the other three or four works. It will be seen from a comparison of the verbatim quotations in Chapter III of Mādhava's work with Ch. VI of Vyā's work that Mādhava also combines half-stanzas of the latter to form his own complete stanzas. The same group discloses that in some cases, he has formed his stanzas by taking three lines of one stanza and the first line of the next stanza from the latter.

A very natural question is here likely to be raised, viz., what evidence is there to show that Mādhava has borrowed from these other writers and not vice-versa? My reasons for such a deduction are:—

Firstly, Mādhava definitely refers to Vyāsācala in the stanza ज्यासाजलप्रमुखपूर्विक &c., cited earlier. Moreover, I personally believe that there is a covert reference to the poet Vyāsācala at

I: 17 of Mādhava's work, though the actual context favours the commentator's interpretation thereof, as referring to himself.

Secondly, Vyā's work is cryptic in style and arrangement while in the work of Mādhava, there is more elaborate arrangement and amplification of material.

Between Vyā. and Mādhava, therefore, Vyā. seems to be earlier than Mādhava.

Further, it has been found that the stanzas, single or in succession, found common between Mādhava and the other writers, fit in into the contexts of the latter quite well while in Mādhava, they give rise to repetitions and contradictions. A few illustrations will bear out this point.

- (1) While describing Sankara's education, Mādhava tells us that at the age of 2 only, he learnt to read and write the characters and then, after a single hearing of the Kāvyas and the Purāṇas, he understood them without instruction. The next stanza tells us in a general way that he learnt without a teacher and taught his colleagues. The next two stanzas tells us again that when it was still time for playing, he mastered all the scripts (लिपी:), learnt the Vedas without any instruction and mastered Kāvya and Nyāya. The first two stanzas from Mādhava correspond to two in Vyā. (XI: 114/5) while the next two correspond to two in Tiru. D. (II: 12 & 14).
- (2) While describing the encounter between Sankara and Kumārila, Mādhava gives the following three stanzas in the same 7th chapters:—
 - (a) अष्टौ सहस्राणि विभान्ति विद्वान् । सद्वातिकानां प्रथमेऽत्र भाष्ये ।
 अहं यदि स्थामगृहीतदीक्षः । ध्ववं विधास्ये सुनिवन्धमस्य ।। 83 ।।
 - (b) भाष्यं प्रणीतं भवतेति योगिन् । आकर्ण्यं तत्रापि विधाय वृत्तिम्। यशोऽधिगच्छेयमिति स्म वाग्छा । स्थिता पुरा सम्प्रति कि तदुक्त्या ॥ 103 ॥
 - (c) भाग्यं न मेऽजनि हि शाबरभाष्यवत्त्वर्— । भाष्येऽपि निचन विलिख्य यशोऽधिगन्तुम् ॥ 105 : c, d ॥

The idea that Kumārila missed the chance to attain fame by writing a commentary on Sankara's মহানুসমান্ত্ৰ because he was আনবাস is obviously represted, more particularly in the second

and the third stanzas. It is interesting to note that these three stanzas correspond verbetim to stanzas in three different works, viz. Vyā. V: 14, Tiru. D. IV: 28 and Rāja. D. II: 35.

- (8) A similar repetition is found with regard to the two sins which, Kumarila says, he has committed, viz. ईवरनिरास and पुरुदोह. The following stanzas from Mādhava may be noted:
 - (a) दोषद्वयस्यास्य चिकीपूर्हन् । यथोदितां निष्कृतिमाश्रयाशम् । प्राविक्षमेषा पुनस्कतभूता । जाता भवत्पादनिरीक्षणेन ॥ VII: 102 ॥
 - (b) प्रायोऽघुना तदुभयप्रभवाधशान्त्य । प्राविक्षमार्य तुषपावकमात्त्रदीक्षः ॥ VII: 105: a, b ॥

These correspond verbatim to Tiru. D. IV: 27 and Rāja D. II: 35: a, b.

- (4) When Sankara offers to revive Kumārila, the latter admits Sankara's capacity to do so but politely refuses to be revived. In this connection, the following stanzas have been given by Mādhava:—
 - (a) संजीवनाय चिरकालमृतस्य च त्वं । शक्तोऽसि शङ्कर दयोमिलहिष्टिपातः। आरब्धमेतदधुना व्रतमागमोक्तं । मुञ्चन्सतां न भवितास्मि बुधाविनिम्बः ॥ VII: 110 ॥
 - (b) जाने तवाहं भगवन्त्रभावं । संहत्य भूतानि पुनर्यथावत्। स्रष्टुं समर्थोऽसि तथाविधो माम् । उज्जीवयेश्चेदिह कि विचित्रम् ॥ VII: 111 ॥
 - (c) नाभ्युत्सहे किंतु यतिक्षितीन्द्र । संकल्पितं हातुमिदं त्रताध्यम् ॥ & c. VII : 112 : a, b ॥

These three correspond to Raja, D. II: 39 and Tiru. D. IV: 30, 31.

On the contrary, Kumārila requests Sankara to instruct him into तारक ब्रह्म and thereby make him इतार्थ. Read:

- (a) तत्तारकं देशिकवर्य महा- । मादिश्य तद्ब्रह्म कृतार्थयेथा: ॥ VII : 112 ॥
- (b) त्वं विश्वनाथ इव मे समये समागा: । तत्तारकं समुपदिश्य कृतार्थयेथा: ।। VII: 118 ।।

These correspond to Tiru. D. IV: 31: c, d and Raja. D. II: 43: c, d.

- (5) While Kumārila is asking Šenkara to go to Maṇḍana, Mādhava gives the following:—
 - (a) दिगन्तविश्रान्तयशा विजेयो । यस्मिञ्जिते सर्वेमिदं जितं स्यात् ॥ VII : 118 : c, d ॥
 - (b) सदा वदन्योगपदं महान्तं । स विश्वरूपः प्रथितो महीतले ॥ VII: 114: a, b ॥

These correspond to Tiru. D. IV: 32 and Vyā. V: 35. The repetition between विगन्तविश्वान्तयक्षा: and प्रथितो महीतले is obvious. Similarly, वशं गते तत्र भवेन्मनोरथ: (Mādhava VII: 115: c = Vyā. V.: 35) repeats the idea in यस्मिग्जिते सर्वमिदं जितं स्यात्। above in substance though not verbatim.

Apart from these repetitions, if we look to Vyā. V: 84¹¹ which precedes মুবা বুবন্ & e., (V: 85) quoted above, we shall find that the two present participles বুৱন্ and বুৱন্ in V: 34 and V: 85 in Vyā, connect these two stanzas better syntactically than the two consecutive stanzas in Mādhava, which are from Tiru. D. and Vyā, respectively.

- (6) While narrating the incident of Śańkara's Parakāyāpraveśa, Mādhava gives the following two stanzas:
 - (॥) स ददर्श कुत्रचिदमर्त्यमिव त्रिदिवच्युतं विगतसत्त्वमि । मन्जेश्वरं परिवृतं प्रलपत्प्रमदाभिरातिमदमात्यजनम् ॥ IX : 74 ॥
 - (b) अयो निशासेटवशादटव्यां मूले तरोमोहवशात्परासुम् । तं वीक्ष्य मार्गेऽमरकं नृपालं सनन्दनं प्राह स संयमीन्द्रः ॥ IX : 75 ॥

The latter of these two stanzas corresponds verbatim to Rāja. D. IV: 34. In Raja. D., Śańkara is described as being on tour. He is going from place to place. Rāja. D. has described the revival by Śańkara of a dead child at Kauśāmbī and thereafter, he describes this incident of Prakāyāpraveśa. In this context, therefore, the word अब denotes आन्त्रवं while in Mādhava, the second stanza repeats very clearly what has been stated in the first and thus leaves the word अब without any propriety. This shows that Rāja. D.'s work is earlier than that of Mādhava.

11. Read: भगवन्त्रवदाम्युपायमेकं । भवतो भाष्यनिबन्धने स्फुटम् । मगधेष वसन्ममास्ति शिष्यः । स तु तस्मै प्रभवत्यसंशयम् ॥ V : 84 ॥ (7) While describing in Ch. XI the Ugra-Bhairava incident, Mādhava says that when the Bhairva approached Sankara for his head, so that by offering it to Lord Siva, he (i.e. भैरव) might go to heaven with his human body, he pointed out to Sankaara the perishable nature of the human body and cited the example of Dadhici, who had surrendered his own for परोपकार and attained immortal fame. The instance of Dadhici occurs in Mādhava thrice in three different stanzas, 17, 18 and 21, 12 which correspond to Vyā IX: 40 (c, d), Tiru. D. VII: 15 (a, b) and Rāja D. IV: 65 (b).

Regarding contradictions, we find the following :-

While describing the discussion between Sankara and Mandana, Mādhava tells us at VIII: 130 in his work that Bhāratī, Mandana's wife, saw that Mandana's garland had faded. She then asked both Sankara and Mandana to come in for meals and then said to Sankara thus:—

- (a) कोपातिरेकवशतः शयता पुरा माम्। दुविससा तदविधिविहितो जयस्ते।
 साहं यथागतमुपैमि शमिप्रवीरे-।
 त्युक्तवा ससंभ्रममम् निजधाम यान्तीम्।। VIII: 188 ।।
- (b) बबन्ध नि:शङ्कमरण्यदुर्गा-। मन्त्रेण तां जेतुमना मुनीन्द्रः।। जयोऽपि तस्याः स्वमतैनयसिद्धयै । सर्वज्ञतः स्वस्य च मानहेतोः।। VIII: 184।।
- (e) जानामि देवीं भवतीं विधातुः । देवस्य भाषी पुरिमत्सगर्भाम् ॥ VIII: 185: a, b ॥

These stanzas clearly show that after noticing Mandana's defeat, Bhāratī was going back to her heavenly abode, as per the limit of the curse laid down by Durvāsas and that then, Sankara detained her by a charm for the purpose of entering into argument with her and defeating her also. As against this, we are told by Mādhava in Ch. IX of his work that when Mandana surrendered to

- 12. Read: (a) रिप् निहन्तुं कुछिशाय वर्ष्णी । दाधीचमादारिकल वाञ्छितास्य ॥ XI:17
 - (b) दधीनिमुख्याः क्षणिकं शरीरं । त्यक्तवा परार्थे स्म यशःशरीरम्।। XI:18
 - (c) जीमूतवाहो निजजीवदायी । दधीचिरप्यस्थि मुदा ददान:। आचन्द्रतारार्कमपायशून्यं । प्राप्तौ यशः कर्णपयं गतौ हि ॥ XI: 21॥

Sankara and esked him to initiate him into the order of Sannyāsins, Sankara looked at Bhāratī significantly. She understood what he meant and then told him a story from her child-hood that it was predicted by an ascetic that she would enter into an academic discussion with a great Yati in her later life. She then said that she was the other half of Mandana, whom, therefore, Sankara had conquered only half. She then called upon Sankara to defeat her first and they only to make Mandana his disciple.\(^{13}\) She ruled out Sankara's objection to a Yati like hin entering into an argument with a lady and said that even if Sankara were the Highest Reality, she had an ardent desire to argue with him.\(^{14}\)

All this narration seems to be so very different from—nay, even foreign to—the earlier one of binding Bhāratī by means of a charm and detaining her for a discussion when she was going back to her heavenly abode. There, she seems to have had no desire to argue with Sankara while here she almost challenges him to a discussion before he could make Mandana his disciplie. In my humble opinion, this contradiction is due to Madhava's attempt to put together stanzas from the works of Raja. D. and Tiru D., with his own changes. The stanza कोपात्रिक्षणात: & c. (Mad. VIII: 133) is worth a comparison with Rāja. D. II: 50, which runs thus:

कोपातिरेक्ववशतः शपता पुरा माम् । शापाविधस्तव जयो विहितो विधात्रा । साहं यथागतम्पैमि शमिप्रवीरे- । त्युक्तवा तिरोधिमकृतोभयभारती सा ।।

Now, according to Rāja D., Bhāratī disappeared immediately after this and this agrees with Rāja.'s story because he does not describe any discussion between Bhāratī and Sankara and the subsequent story of Parakāyāpraveśa. Mādhava has changed the last quarter of the above stanza and connected it with the next stanza of his own in a different metre. The subsequent portion relating to Sankara-Bhāratī-discussion and the incident of Parakāyāpraveśa is the narration of Tiru. D., who does not describe the disappearance of Bharatī as done by Rāja. D. and hence there is no contradiction in his version also. The contradiction in Mādhave is quite clear and it is obviously due to his attempt to combine stanzas from the works of the two writers.

- 13. Read: अपि तु स्वयाऽद्य न समग्रजित:। प्रथिताग्रणीमँम पितर्यदहम्। वपुरर्श्वमस्य न जिता मितमन्। अपि मां विजित्य कुरु शिष्यमिमम्।। IX: 56।।
- 14. Read: यदि त्वमस्य जगतः प्रभवः । ननु सर्वविच्च परमः पुरुषः । तदिप त्वयैव सह वादकृते । हृदयं विभित्तं मम तूत्किलिकाम् । IX: 57

Moreover, it has to be noted that in Mādhava, Bhāratī's discussion with Śańkara is cut off from the story of Śańkara's binding her by the charm by another story of Mandana's regret that Śańkara had proved Jaimini wrong and Śańkara's telling him how he had not done so and how Jaimini's followers had misunderstood and misinterpreted him. Tiru.D. does not give this tory and hence there is at least no break in his version. Mādhava, who gives it, breaks up the story of Śańkara-Bhāratī discussion, in which he follows Tiru. D. verbatim.

- (2) Contradiction appears in the form of confuson in names and some technical terms also.
- (a) VII: 113 (S. S. Jaya) refers to Mandana while st. 114 refers to Viśvarūpa and st. 116 identifies the latter with Umveka. St. 113 corresponds to Tiru. D. IV: 32, St. 114 to Vyā, V: 35 and St. VII: 116 corresponds verbatim to Rāja. D. II: 41. This means that Mādhava has rolled all the three—Mandana, Viśvarūpa and Umveka—into one person who later on became Sureśvara, who thus becomes identical with all these three. In this connection, it has to be noted that Tiru.D. mentions Mandana only while Vyā and Rāja. D. mention both Mandana and Viśvarūpa but keep them distinct and describe an ecounter between Sańkara and Viśvarūpa and the latter's conversion into a Sannyāsin as Sureśvara.

This confusion is found at two other places. After describing the birth of Sureśvara from Brahmā and alternatively that of Mandana from Brhaspati (Mād. III: 6, 8) (implying that Mandana and Sureśvara are identical), Mādhava gives an account of Ubhaya-Bhāratii, presumbaly Mandana's wife, but in the course of this narration, Mandana become Viśvarūpa throughout, implying once again an identity of the carlier Mandana and this Viśvarūpa. When Sankara comes to Māhiṣmati, this same pair has been referred to as Mandana and Ubhaya-Bhāratī throughout Ch. VIII. In this case, it has to be noted that almost the entire narration about the marriage of Viśvarūpa and Ubhaya-Bhāratī is to be found in Vyā., who, as stated above, refers to Viśvarūpa only.

Still later in Ch. XIII, Suresvara, who is asked by Sankara to write a commentary on his Br. Sü. Bh., has been referred to as such in the very first stanza, then as Mandana in st. 39 and thrice as Viśvarūpa in stanzas 21, 54 and 68. Out of the last three stanzas, the first is found in Rāja. D. (II: 53) and the other two are found

in Vyā. (VII: 58 & 70). Once again, all the three have been rolled into one.

(8) Even like the first name of Sureśvara, Mādhava does not seem to be either particular or certain about what Śańkara wanted him or Kumārila to write on his Br.Sū.Bh. In connection with Kumārila, Vyā. and Rāja. D. refer to Vārtikas while Tiru. D. mentions Vrtti but Mādhava mentions in Ch. VII both, in stanzas, which correspond to stanzas in all these three.¹⁵

Again in Ch. XIII, where Sureśvara is asked to write the commentary, the very first stanza refers to Vrtti while the later stanzas, which are common to Vyā.'s works mention Vartikas.'5 Two stanzas (XIII: 21 & 73), which correspond to Rāja.D.II: 48 & 60, use the word Tīkā. All these three words—Vrtti, Vārtika and Tīkā—are technical terms and have special connotations.'7

In addition to repetitions and contradictions, we also find that there is in Mādhava a lot of elaboration and a greater element of the supernatural, in comparison with the other three writers. Both these factors have been regarded as indications of a later date of any work.

If we look at the various incidents in Sankara's life, as described by these four writers, we find that Vyā. does not give a large number of them while Mādhava gives them all. Between Tiru. D. and Rāja. D., Tiru. D. gives some of them and omits the others and so does Raja. D., there being no agreement between the two regarding the same.

Thus, Tiru. D. and Rāja. D. agree in giving the stories of Sankara's meeting with king Rājasekhara and Sankara's offer to Kumārila to revive him. Tiru. D., however, gives a number of stories like those of (1) the golden Āmalakas even while Sankara was in the Gurukula, (2) very learned persons coming to him for instruction, immediately after his return from the Gurukula, (3) the visit of the sages to his house, who told his mother about his lifespan &c., (4) Sankara's making the waters of the Narmadā enter

Cf. Mād. VII: 83 = Vyā. V: 14 (Vārtikas)
 VII: 107 and 118 = Rāja. D. II: 37 and 43 (Vārtikas)
 VII: 103 = Tiru. D. IV: 28 (Vrtii)

the karaka, shortly after he went to the hermitage of Govinda and the subsequent explanation of that deed by Govinda and (5) Sańkara's encounter with Lord Siva in the form of an Antyaja. None of these stories has been given by Rāja. D. who, however, gives three other stories—one about the curse of a Gandharva upon the crocodile, which had caught Sańkara's foot in the Cürnī river, the other, occuring at the end of the Ugra-bhairava incident, about Padmapāda's power to invoke Lord Nṛṣimha at will and the third about Saṅkara who, being prevailed upon by his other disciples not to allow Sureśvara to write Vārtikas on his Br. Sū. Bh., consoled him by saying that he would be reborn as Vācaspati and write Bhāṣya-Ṭikā, which would become famous and which would make him famous also. Tiru. D. is silent over these stories, the one about the crocodile having been omitted by him altogether.

None of these stories has been given by Vyā, while Mādhava has given all of them. In addition to these, Madhava gives some stories, which have not been given by any one of these three writers. Thus, the stories of Lord Mahesa manifesting Himself on the Vṛṣaparvata in Kerala and some king Rājaśekhare building. in pursuance of a directive received in a dream, a temple to that God and arranging for His worship, marks of Mandana's house with the refrain जानीहि तन्मण्डनपण्डितीक:,18 the initial wrangle between Sankara and Mandana,19 Sankara's reviving his own body in flames after his flight back from the body of Amaruka, Padmapāda's curing with his own power, Sankara's Bhagandara disease, which even the divine Aśvins, sent by Lord Sive, could not cure. Sankara's invoking, at the instance of his dying mother, Lord Siva, whose Ganas then came to take her away but with whom she refused to go and then Sankara's invoking Lord Visnu, whose Ganas came in an aerial car and took her away in the same20 and finally, Sankara's encounter with the Krakaca Kāpālin.

Out of these, the stories of learned pundits coming to Sankara for instruction, king Rājašekhara's encounter with Sankara, marks of Mandana's house and the initial wrangle between Sankara and Mandana are without any element of the supernatural but are

^{16.} Cf. Måd. XIII: 3.43, 44, 45, 48, 58 = Vyā. VII: 29, 49, 50, 51, 54, 57.

^{17.} See Vyäkarana Mahäbhäsya of Patanjali-Tr. by the late MM. Väsudevasästri Abhyankar, Vol. VII, pp. 1 and 2.

^{18.} Cf. Mad. VIII: 6, 7, 8.

^{19.} The wrangle begins with कुती मुण्डयागलान्मुण्डी & c. Mad. VIII: 16-31,

^{20.} Mad: XIV: 42 tells us that Sankara's mether gave up her heay like a Yogin and stanza 44 says that after her death, messengers of Lord Visuu came in an aerial car, that she was delighted to see them and praised her son. . . . & v. How could she be delighted and/or how could she praise her son after she had given up her body?

clearly additions to the original by way of elaboration. The story of the pundits is obviously in anticipation of Sankara's future greatness and is clearly out of place. The story of king Rājašekhara appears to be a historical anachronism.21 Moreover, out of Tiru.D., Raja.D. and Madhava, who give the story, Tiru. D. refers to Rājašekhara once only and devotes only 4 stanzas to him. Rāja. D. mentions Rājašekhara twice but has not more than about 5 stanzas in all. His first reference is to the king's reading out his three dramas to Sankara while the second describes in 4 stanzas only how the dramas were destroyed in a fire and how Sankara, at the king's request, dictated them to him from memory.22 Madhava refers to Räjašekhara thrice, once at II: 2, as some king of Kerala and then twice as in Raja. D. In his second reference, Madhava adds the story of a boon by Sankara to the king for getting a son at the instance of the latter and Sankara's asking him in private to perform an isti for the purpose. Madhava's elaboration here is quite obvious and otherwise also, this second reference is more elaborate that the ones in Tiru. D. and Raja. D. The four stanzas in the third reference are just the same as in Raja. D. (Mad XIV: 171-174 = Raja. D.-III: 35-38). Mādhava's posteriority to both (as also to Vyā.) is, I think, beyond doubt here.

These two stories have been given by Tiru. D. and Rāja. D. but the other two have been given by Mādhava only. Out of them the story of the marks of Mandana's house may be accorded some probability-value but the story of the wrangle raises a number of doubts and questions, which have convinced me that it is highly improbable, in addition to being extremely damaging to both Sankara and Mandana as also to the others present there.²³

Out of the remaining stories, those of the appearance of Lord Maheśa on the Vṛṣādri, the curse on the crocodile, the golden Amalakas, the visit of the sages and their prediction, the waters

- 21. Dr. Zämbre has given three reasons for this :--
 - (1) The dramatistist Rajasekhara belonged to the 10th CentA.D.
 - (2) The dramatist was not a king and no king named Rājašekhara is known to have written any dramas.
 - (3) No Rājašekhara was ever a king of Kerala.

(Vide 1)r. Zāmbre's thesis on Rājesekhara-B.O.R.I., Poona-4.)

- 22. The word क्रवन applied to Rājašekhara by Rāja. D. (as also by Mād.) in the second reference is not understood.
- 23. It has to be noted that Tiru. D. is incomplete and does not give the stories of the Bhagandra disease, death of Sankara's mother, Krakaca Kāpālin &c.

of the Narmadā entering the karaka, Sankara's encounter with the Antyaja are instances of addition of new supernatural stories altogether while the other stories of Sankara's revival of his own body in flames, Padmapāda's power to invoke Lord Nṛṣmha at will, his curing Sankara of the Bhagandara disease and killing Abbinava-Gupta and Sankara's invoking Lord Siva first and Lord Viṣṇu afterwards and so on are all extensions of the supernatural, which existed already in the stories as narrated by the other three also. The story of Krakaca is a new addition altogether by Mādhava.²⁴

The appendages, whether by way of elaboration or by way of introducing a new or a greater element of the supernatural, render the story unnatural and highly improbable, in comparison with the carlier versions—even factually and many a time, cause an unpardonable damage to the character of Sankara, whose divine status the biographers have acknowledged and started with. The writers seem to be totally unaware of the harm they have thus caused to the character of Sankara. It is true that Tiru. D. and Rāja. D. are also somewhat guilty on this score but it is more than clear that Mādhava is all the more so and is at times almost outrageous in this regard. Vyā. is almost free from these faults when compared with the other three.

Added to this is the fact of sudden and most unnaturally frequent changes of metre, which is clearly the result of Mādhava's attempt to fuse together stanzas from the three works. This is particularly in evidence where Mādhava has borrowed from all the three writers in the same place and context. That has given rise to change of metre in every alternate stanza or in every two or three stanzas. The other three writers are also found to introduce such changes of metre but they are neither so frequent nor so unnatural or forced. The impression of artificiality and force, which is absent in them, is strongly had in Mādhava.

24. The story of Śańkara-Vyāsa meeting, given by all the four, has been made by Māḍ, simitarly derogatory to Śańkara. According to Vyā, Tiru. D. and Rāḍa D., Vyāsa as Vyāsa comes to Śańkara and being satisfied with his Br. Sū. Bh., grants him an extension of life by 16 years. Māḍ. only makes Vyāsa come in the form of an old brahmin and then, after a discussion between the two for 8 days. Sanandana intervenes to point out Vyāsa's identity to Śańkara and then Śańkara implores his pardon &c. It is not understood how Śańkara failed to realise what his disciple was able to do and had to point out to him.

Nadhava again makes Sankara express to Vyasa a desire to end his life in the Ganges. Wherefore this weakness in a त्रहातानी like Sankara? The story is an elaboration and a modification of the version of the other three writers and in the process, discredits the figure of Sankara.

All these factors have driven me to the conclusion that Vya. is the oldest and Madhava the latest of the 4 writers, Tiru. D. and Raja. D. standing midway between the two. Hence also my conclusion that Madhava has borrowed from the other three and not vice-versa. This question of priority is very important and that is my justification for dealing with the evidence at such length, my object having been to try to decide the issue beyond the pale of a doubt. I think that the examples cited are sufficient to decide the point at issue. At least, I do not understand how to explain them otherwise. It is possible to argue that the other three writers have picked up from Madhava the portions or stanzas, according as they thought fit and prepared their works but this leaves unanswered the question of the condition of Madhava's own work. I have not exhausted all the evidence and feel convinced that further examination and analysis of the work will only confirm my conclusion. In fact, the more I read, the more I found that the work of Madhava was nothing but a plagiarised version of a number of earlier works like those of Vyā, and others and then I was very strongly remainded of Sankara's 1emark: "सर्वप्रकारेण यथायवाज्यं वैनाशिकसमय उपपत्तिमत्वाय परीक्ष्यते तथातथा सिकताकपवद्विदीर्यत एव। न कांजिदप्यत्रोपपत्ति पश्यामः।। Br. Sü. Bh. II: 2: 82.

With regard to Pat. Ch. by Rāmabhadrasurin, it is an independent work, which has only 11 stanzas in common with that of Mādhava. It seems unnatural that it should have borrowed only about a dozen stanzas from Mādhava without any material gain and that they should include a couple of stanzas concerning an incident, which has been consistently omitted by all the biographers of Sankara, viz, the passing away of Govinda-muni.

Tiru. D.'s work breaks off in Ch. VII in the midst of the Ugra-bhairava incident and looking to the large number of stanzas found common already between that work and that of Mādhava, it would not be unreasonable to infer that many more might have been traced to the remaining part of Tiru.'s work, if found out. Mereover, I have shown in my first article²⁵ how two stanzas, said to belong to Pr. S. V. of Anand, are found in the work of Mādhava also, with one word changed. If that Pr. S. V. were to come to light, it is possible that still some more stanzas would be traced to that work also.

If we look to the other *i.e.* unborrowed part of Mādhava's work, we come across many instances of loose and untenable writing, a few instances of which may be noted. Independent instances of greater elements of the supernatural have been noted already.

- (1) While describing the birth of Padmapāda, Maṇḍana and Sureśvara, Mādhava makes conflicting statements.
 - (a) Thus, at III: 2, Padmapāda is said to have been born from Visnu while III: 6 tells us that Aruna was born as Sanandana. Now, all are agreed that Sanandana and Padmapāda were one and the same person but then, how could one person be born from two gods?
 - (b) Similarly, III: 6 says that Sureśvara was born from Brahmā and Ānandagiri from Brhaspati (গিং) বিধি:) while III: 8 states as an alternative view (ছবি কবিব) that Mandana was born from Brhaspati and Ānandagiri from Nandīśvara. This means that the author has no definite information on the point,
- (2) While describing the re-entry of Sankara into his original body (in the incident of Parakāyāpraveśa), Mādhava gives the following stanzas:
 - (a) उद्वोधितः सदिस तैरवलम्ब्य मूच्छी। निर्गत्य राजतनुतौ निजमाविवेश। गात्रं पुरोदितनयेन स देशिकेन्द्रः। संज्ञामवाप्य च पुरेव समृत्थितोऽभृत्।। X:57
 - (b) तदन् कुहरमेत्य पूर्वदृष्टं । नरपतिभृत्यविसृष्टपावकेन । निजवपुरवलोक्य दह्ममानं । झटिति स योगधरंधरो विवेस ॥ X : 58

In addition to change of metre, both the stanzas repeat that Sankara entered his original body. The first says clearly that he entered the body as he had left it (पुर्वोदितस्येन पूर्वोक्तन्यायेन—धन°), regained consciousness and weke up as before. The second stanza says that thereafter (तदन्), Sankara came to the cave and seeing his body in flames, entered it suddenly. In addition to the repetition, which leaves the word तदन् without propriety or sense, there is a contradiction between the two stanzas since the first contains no reference to the body being in flames. Dhanapati's attempt to explain this by saying that stanza 58 describes how Sankara entered the body in flames is meaningless because Stanza 57 has explained that also by the word प्रोदितस्थेन. The repetition and the contradiction are, to my mind, inescapable facts.

^{25.} Vide the Journal of the University of Bombay, Vol. XXIX, Part 2, Sept. 1960, p. 117 (Footnote 11).

- (8) I have commented already on the story of the initial wrangle between Sankara and Mandana. It is so childish and silly and so very derogatory to the characters of all the persons involved in it that it would, I think be highly unjust to hold that a man like Vidyāranya was responsible for it. I have shown in my thesis on Sankara's life the many absurdities involved in this story which is, therefore, most unworthy of a man like Vidyāranya.
- (4) A similar thing is found in the description of the first meeting of Sańkara and Govindamuni. When the latter asked Sańkara who he was, Sańkara burst forth into the following:—

स्वामिन्नहं न पृथिवी न जलं न तेजः । न स्पर्शनो न गगनं न च तद्गुणा वा। नापीन्द्रियाण्यपि तु विद्धि ततोऽवशिष्टः।

यः केवलोऽस्ति परमः स शिवोऽहमस्मि॥ S. S. Jaya-V: 99.

Is this the way any genuine disciple—and particularly one like Sankara—on the spiritual path would speak to his Guru at the very first meeting? He would indeed be a specimen of devotion and humility. Moreover, if he has the spiritual illumination described in the stanza, why at all did he need a Guru? If he had it not, does the answer not sound impudent and vain? And will such a writing do credit to any biographer of Sankara—particularly Vidyāranya?

(5) We also find that Madhava is guilty of many historical anachronisms in that he makes Sankara argue with men like Bhatta-Bhāskara, Srī Harṣa of Khanḍana Khanḍa Khādya, Udayana, Abbinava Gupta and Nilakantha, who came centuries after Sankara, even if we accept 8th cent. A.D. as the correct date of Sankara and with men like Bāṇa, Mayūra and Daṇḍin, who preceded Śankara by a century or two. Moreover Abhinava-Gupta, according to Mādhava, belongs to Kāmarūpa (modern Assam) whereas he actually belonged to Kāśmir. All this shows the writer's lack of historical knowledge and the unhistorical character of his work.

The unhistorical nature of the work is shown by the following facts also:—

(1) Like many other biographies of Sankara, this work also begins the sotry of Sankara's life in the mythical Puranic fashion

Thus, Nārada comes to the earth, sees that the people have become irreligious, then goes to Kailāsa and reports the matter to Lord Mahādeva and requests Him to be born on earth. Lord Mahādeva then asks Brahmā and the other gods to go ahead and be born on earth, to prepare the background for Him when He would be born. Then different persons like Kumārila, Mandana, Padmapāda and Hastāmalaka are born from the different gods.

- (2) As soon as Sankara was born, all the elements of nature became favourable, birds and beasts gave up their age-old animosity and began to live together in peace. Similarly, books fell down from the hands of those, who held views contrary to those of the Advaitins and the mind-lotus of Vyāsa bloomed. This is shear anticipation as in the other stories of the learned pundits, prediction by the sages and so on, just to proclaim in advance the future greatness of Sankara.
- (3) With all those and such other details, Mādhava does not give the date of any single incident or event in Sankara's life, including his birth and passing away.

The late Śrī Bāļaśāstrī Hardas, a very great scholar from Nagpur, had also, after a careful study, come to the conclusion that the biography in question was not from the pen of the celebrated Vidyāraṇya. Professor B. Upadyaya of Benares also holds the same view.²⁶ These two scholars together hold that this work was written by one Mādhava-Bhaṭṭa, the author of Bhārata Campū and who refers to himself as Nava-Kalidasa. Professor Upādhyāya and following him, Shrī Hardās, give the following arguments in support of their view:—

- (1) Vidyāranya was one of the pontiffs of the Sringeri mutt. There is, however, a lot of difference between the events and incidents described in S. S. Jaya and Guruvamśa-Kāvya, an authorised Sringeri version of Sankara's life.
- (2) The writer of S. Ś. Jaya refers to himself as Nava-Kālidāsa,²⁷ which title is not found mentioned in any of the known
 - 26. Vide his श्रीशंकराचार्य-जीवनचरित तथा उपदेश-pp. 12, 18.
 - 27. Cf. वागेषा नवकालिदासविद्ध: | &c. S. S. Jaya, I: 10: c.

works of Vidyāranya. This work, therefore, seems to have been composed by some Mādhava-Bhaṭṭa, holding the title Nava-Kālidāsa.

- (3) A list of Vidyāranya's works is available. The list does not contain the name of this work, viz. S. S. Jaya.
- (4) The style of this work does not have the grace and the finish of the celebrated Mādhavācārya (i.e. Vidyāranyamuni).
- (5) This work has borrowed verbatim 25 stanzas from Rāja. D., who belongs to the 16th Cent. A.D. Vidyāranya flourished in the 14th Cent. A.D.

All these arguments lead to two conclusions:

- (1) The present work is not older than 2 centuries and hence cannot have been written by Vidyāranya of the 14th Cent.
- (2) It has been written by some Nava-Kalidasa and one Bhattasri Nārāyaṇa Sāstrī introduced into it as many changes as he liked with the help of Kokkoṇḍa Venkataratnam Garu and Subramanya Sāstrī from Bangalore. Bhaṭṭaśrī openly admitted having done this. (Sri B. Hardas).

In fine, this Mādhavīya S. D. is neither Mādhaviya nor Sankara Digvijaya. (Śrī B. Hardās).

On the strength of evidence adduced by me so far, I also agree with the view of the two learned scholars, viz., that the present S. S. Jaya has been written, not by Vidyāranyamuni but by one Mādhavabhaṭṭa, the author of Bhāratacampū and that it must have been written sometime between 1630 A.D. and 1800 A.D. It is quite possible that it was tampered with by Bhaṭṭaśrī Nārāyana Sāstrī, as suggested by Śrī Hardās, though certainly not written by any one person at such a late period. In conclusion, I hold that this work—S. S. Jaya of Mādhava—is kistorically quite valueless as an idependent work of one single genius, being, as said already, only a combination of some earlier works and that as such, it is absolutely unworthy of a great intellectual and spiritual genius like Sri Vidyranya-muni.

Abbreviations

(1)	Vyā.	Vyāsācula
(2)	Tiru. D.	Tirumala Dīxit
(8)	Rāja. D.	Răjacüdamani Dîxit
(4)	Mād.	Mädhaya
(5)	Ānand.	Ānanadegiri
(e)	ś. v.	Śnikara Vijaya
(7)	Ś. D.	Sankara Digvijaya
(8)	Pr. Ś. V.	Prācīna Šankara Vijaya
(9)	S. S. Jayn	Sanksepa Sankara Jaya
(10)	Pat. Ch.	Patanjali Carita
(11)	Br. Sü. Bh.	Brahma Sütra Bhāşya
(12)	A. R. L.	Advaita Rājya Laksmī.
(18)	ঘল [ু]	Dhanapati-Sürin.